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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/306,510

Group Art Unit: 2635

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Examiner: Vernal Brown

For: INTELLIGENT ANTITHEFT METHOD AND SYSTEM COMBINING MAGNETIC
TAGS AND CARDS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

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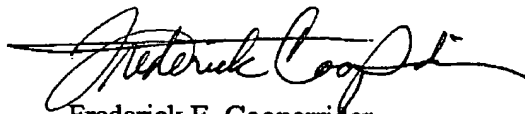
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Dear Examiner Brown:

Enclosed is a Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 17, 2003, which we request that you enter and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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